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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Judy Huang

Serial No.: 09/336,525

Confirmation No.: 7748

Filed: June 18, 1999

For: Plasma Treatment to Enhance Adhesion and to Minimize Oxidation of Carbon-Containing Layers

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Examiner: Marianne L. Padgett

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 18, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated April 18, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 18, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no fee is due in conjunction with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/3577.Y1/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 25, 28, 32, 37, 40, 44, and 48, without prejudice, and amend the claims as follows:

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